

# Parma Woods

Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

Winter 2005



## Range Schedule Changes for 2005 !!!

The Parma Woods Shooting Range will have a new shooting schedule beginning January 1, 2005. The new winter days and hours from January 1 thru April 30 will be Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon until 4:30 p.m. Beginning May 1 thru September 30, the range will be open on Monday and Tuesday from 2-8 p.m., and on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Winter hours will start again on October 1.

Shooter will be able to use the range about the same amount of time as last year. With the Parma Woods Shooting Range open on Monday and Tuesday and closed Wednesday and Thursday, one of the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) ranges will be open in the Kansas City area almost every day. The closed days for the MDC Lake City Range north of Blue Springs are Monday and Tuesday. So no matter what day of the week you need to pull some triggers, MDC will have a staffed range open for your convenience.

This does not mean that the entire Parma Woods area will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday. You can still come out and walk the hiking trail, view wildlife, take outdoor photos, go scouting for next year's deer stand site, and just enjoy whatever the out-of-doors has to offer.

This year the staff and volunteers will be conducting around 200 "free" programs and classes for the public. Some of these are scheduled on days that the range is closed. These could be less intimidating times for first time visitors to the area.

We hope to see you often during 2005 at the Parma Woods Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center!

## Youth Education Programs

The Parma Woods Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center is available to youth and school groups for field trips, follow-ups to classroom activities, and other special occasions. Boy and Girl Scouts can use the facility to work toward merit badges.

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) staff and volunteers offer a wide range of educational programs and classes on topics such as firearms, archery, hunting, and fishing. Many programs are also offered about non-consumptive outdoor activities such as hiking, map and compass, camping, birdhouse building, tree identification, and flower identification. And all of these are "free" to the public.

Call us at 816-891-9941 if you would like to arrange a trip to the outdoor education center or have one of our MDC staff members visit your group.



# Winter Events Calendar

*All classes are free to the public, and all equipment is provided unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required for all classes unless noted. Call 816-891-9941.*

## RANGE CLOSED - January 1

### Handgun Care and Cleaning

Learn the correct way to clean your handgun.

January 5 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Dutch Oven Cooking

Come hungry! Learn how to make a great camp meal, and you will get to try out the recipes too.

January 6 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

### Basic Shotgun - Part 1

Learn the fundamentals of shotguns and shotgun shooting.

January 7 (Fri.), 6-8 pm

### Basic Shotgun - Part 2

**Completion of Part 1 is required.** Learn to hit clay birds on a consistent basis.

January 8 (Sat.), 8-10 am

### Hunter Education Class

For students 11 years and older. You must attend all three nights to become certified.

January 11, 12, and 13 (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)  
5:30-9 pm

### Basic .22 Rifle

Learn safe gun handling and fundamentals of shooting a small bore rifle.

January 15 (Sat.), 8-10 am

### Rifle Care and Cleaning

Learn how to correctly clean your rifle and the different ways to care for your rifle depending on the action.

January 15 (Sat.), noon-2 pm

## RANGE CLOSED - January 17

### Bird Watching

Have you ever wondered what type of bird is in your backyard? Learn how to identify birds and where to look for them.

January 19 (Wed.), 8-10 am

### Birdhouse Building

Learn to attract birds to your favorite viewing spot for years of enjoyment.

January 20 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

### Predator Calling

Learn how to call coyotes, bobcats, and foxes.

January 22 (Sat.), 9-11 am

### Cold Weather Camping

Learn what you need for cold campouts.

January 26 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Basic Knife Sharpening

Learn how to properly put a good edge on your favorite knife.

January 27 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

### Ladies Firearms Safety - Part 1

For women interested in learning how to load, handle, and care for firearms.

January 28 (Fri.), 6-8 pm

### Ladies Firearms Safety - Part 2

Completion of Part 1 is required. Learn proper shooting techniques on the range. You will receive 1-on-1 instruction from the staff and volunteers at the range.

January 29 (Sat.), 8-10 am

### Bat House Building

Learn the advantages of having bats on your property and how to get them to stay there.

February 2 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Youth Air Rifle

Do you have a youngster interested in shooting, but you are not sure how to start? Learn how to safely handle and shoot air rifles.

**Adults must attend with youngsters.**

February 5 (Sat.), 8-10 am

### Youth .22 Rifle

Designed for youngsters needing to gain basic shooting skills with a .22 rifle. **Adults must attend with youngsters.**

February 5 (Sat.), 11 am-1 pm

### Hunting and Shooting Optics

Discover the best types of optics for your specific outdoor viewing or hunting sports.

February 9 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Rifle Care and Cleaning

Learn how to care for your long guns in this hands-on class.

February 10 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

## RANGE CLOSED - February 11

### Antler Scoring

Bring in your racks or just come to observe. We will show you how to measure and score your whitetail racks. All racks will be "unofficially" scored since there is no charge).

February 12 (Sat.), 9-11 am

### Hunter Education Class

For students 11 years and older. You must attend all three night to become certified.

February 15, 16, and 17 (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)  
5:30-9 pm

### Ladies Firearms Class

Conducted by many of our female volunteers. Learn proper gun handling techniques, shooting fundamentals, and firearms care.

February 19 (Sat.), 8-10 am

## RANGE CLOSED - February 21

### Reloading Cartridges - Part 1

Learn the basics of reloading center-fire ammo.

February 22 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

### Reloading Cartridges - Part 2

Continuation of reloading class. Requires attendance in Part 1.

February 23 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Reloading Shot-Shell Ammo- Part 1

Learn the advantages and safety needs of reloading shotgun ammo.

February 24 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

### Reloading Shot-Shell Ammo- Part 2

Continuation of reloading class. Requires attendance in Part 1.

February 25 (Fri.), 6-8 pm

### Orienteering

What would you do if you got lost? Learn how to navigate by using map and compass.

February 26 (Sat.), 8-10 am

### Hiking at Parma Woods

Learn the gear you need for hiking, and take a hike on the Parma Woods trail.

February 26 (Sat.), 1-3 pm

### Handgun Cleaning and Care

Learn the best ways to clean and store your handguns.

February 28 (Mon.), 6-8 pm

### Care for Taxidermy Mounts

Learn how to keep mounts like new with tips from a professional taxidermist.

March 2 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Hunter Education Class

For students 11 years and older. Call 816-655-6250 ext.0 to register.

March 5 (Sat.), 8 am-6 pm

### Firearm Selection for the Beginner

This class will cover such topics as how and what type of firearm to get for a beginner.

March 9 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Basic Shotgun - Part 1

Learn shotgun basics and safety.

March 11 (Fri.), 6-8 pm

### Basic Shotgun - Part 2

Learn proper shooting fundamentals as we go out to the range to shoot clay birds.

March 12 (Sat.), 8-10 am

### Hunter Education Class

For students 11 years and older. You must attend all three nights to become certified.

March 15, 16, and 17 (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

5:30-9 pm

### Women in the Outdoors Event

#### RANGE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Come out and enjoy a day of great hands-on skills and crafts that will be held for the first time at Parma Woods. Activities will include shotgunning, turkey hunting, wood-working for wildlife, basket weaving, outdoor cooking, outdoor photography, and a lot more. Cost is \$30 with lunch provided and a 1-year membership in the W.I.T.O.

March 19 (Sat.), 9 am

### Hunting and Shooting Optics

Discover the best types of optics for your specific outdoor viewing or hunting sports.

March 23 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

### Food Plots - How and What to Plant

Learn how to plant food plots for wildlife.

March 24 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

### Bird Dog Training

Join professional dog trainer John Cerda to learn the basics of training your dog.

March 26 (Sat.), 9-11 am

### Basic Knife Sharpening

Learn how to put a good edge on any knife that you sharpen.

March 30 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

## Parma Class Revisited: *Reloading*

The Parma Woods Outdoor Education Center offers many training classes for the public. Below are photos from a reloading class held this past fall. Special thanks go to volunteer instructor Roger O'Mara. Reloading instruction for centerfire ammo and shotgun shells will be offered again this February. Come out and learn some new skills in a pleasant, friendly environment.



Instructor Roger O'Mara watches Bill White as he weighs reload powder.



Warren Fenley sights in on a target using his reloaded cartridge.



(l-r) Bill White, Roger O'Mara, Warren Fenley, Mike Mitton check targets.

# Volunteers Welcome

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the Parma Woods Range and Outdoor Education Center. Do you have knowledge gained through your time in the outdoors that you could pass on to others? You don't have to be an expert. If you would like to help out, please call 816-891-9941 to get more information about becoming a volunteer.



## *Newsletter Mailing List*

Did you pick up our newsletter at one of the area businesses? Would you like to have it mailed to your house or place of business FREE? Call us at 816-891-9941 or come out to the range to sign up.



## 2005 Range Hours

October 1-April 30, Noon-4:30 pm, Friday-Tuesday

May 1-September 30, 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Sunday

May 1-September 30, 2 pm-8 pm, Monday-Tuesday

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